

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01557-TNM**

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE et al  
Assigned to: Judge Trevor N. McFadden  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/28/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/28/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6148144) filed by HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons)(Ban, Victor) (Entered: 05/28/2019)
06/03/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Trevor N. McFadden. (zef, ) (Entered: 06/03/2019)
06/03/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u>

		Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 06/03/2019)
06/03/2019	<u>3</u>	STANDING ORDER establishing procedures for cases before Judge Trevor N. McFadden. The parties are directed to read and strictly comply with the attached Order. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 6/3/2019. (lctnm3) (Entered: 06/03/2019)
06/05/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/3/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/3/2019. (Ban, Victor) (Entered: 06/05/2019)
06/05/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 06/03/2019. (Ban, Victor) (Entered: 06/05/2019)
06/05/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 6/3/2019 (Ban, Victor) (Entered: 06/05/2019)
06/05/2019	<u>7</u>	REQUEST FOR SUMMONS TO ISSUE <i>for U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE</i> filed by HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons)(Ban, Victor) (Entered: 06/05/2019)
06/06/2019	<u>8</u>	SUMMONS (1) Re-Issued Electronically as to U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (tth) Modified text on 6/12/2019 (znmw). (Entered: 06/06/2019)
06/06/2019	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE served on 6/6/2019 (Ban, Victor) (Entered: 06/06/2019)
06/24/2019	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Damon William Taaffe on behalf of All Defendants (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
07/01/2019	<u>11</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE.(Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 07/01/2019)
07/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court are a complaint and an answer in this FOIA case. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report proposing a schedule for proceeding in this matter. The schedule should address, among other things, the status of the Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated number of documents responsive to the Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by the Plaintiff, whether a motion for an <i>Open America</i> stay is likely in this case, whether a <i>Vaughn</i> index will be required in this case, and a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if required. The parties shall file the schedule on or before August 2, 2019. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 7/2/2019. (lctnm3) (Entered: 07/02/2019)
07/02/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/2/2019. (hmc) (Entered: 07/02/2019)
08/02/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE. (Taaffe, Damon) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
08/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that they shall file another Joint Status Report by September 6, 2019, describing the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request and proposing a schedule for further proceedings. The schedule should address the anticipated number of documents responsive to the Plaintiff's FOIA request, the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by the Plaintiff, whether a <i>Vaughn</i> index will be required in this case, and a briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if required. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 8/2/2019. (lctnm3) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
08/02/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/6/2019. (hmc) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
09/06/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Ban, Victor) (Entered: 09/06/2019)
09/06/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another Joint Status Report on or before

		November 6, 2019. The report will address the status of the parties' negotiations regarding the processing rate and production schedule going forward. Signed by Judge Trevor N. McFadden on 9/6/2019. (lctnm3) (Entered: 09/06/2019)
09/09/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/6/2019. (hmc) (Entered: 09/09/2019)
09/11/2019	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Blake Berkeley Hulnick on behalf of HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER (Hulnick, Blake) (Entered: 09/11/2019)